

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Robert Vincent Cox et al.
Serial No.:	10/051,682
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Group Art Unit:	2142
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Examiner:	Ailes, Benjamin A.
Title:	<b>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VALIDATING A NETWORK</b>

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.